

University of Pennsylvania,
College Hall
South side Woodland Avenue,
between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Streets
Philadelphia
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, COLLEGE HALL			HABS NO. PA-1643
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) South side Woodland Avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-sixth Streets			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1870-72		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Thomas W. Richards, architect.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) A good example of Collegiate Gothic architecture, a popular style of college architecture, which was especially in vogue during the post Civil War years when new colleges and universities were being established.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Random green serpentine ashlar with Leiperville stone, brownstone, and Ohio stone trim.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 254'-0" (twenty-five bay front) X 102'-4"; three and four stories on raised basement.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gothic entrance porch, originally topped with pinnacles; mansard roofs with cross-gables; Gothic windows; bay windows; originally five-and-a-half story towers with steep hipped roofs on wings.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Gothic interior. A chapel was built in the central second floor of the main building. E-plan with center entry hall and longitudinal corridors.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The building was originally built for the various scientific and engineering departments.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard, <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976.			
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